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Lafayette, Louisiana
July 19, 2002

Honorable James H. Welsh
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Re: Operc B Zone, Reservoir A
Operc 3 Zone, Reservoir A
Operc 5 Zone, Reservoir A
Operc 6 Zone, Reservoir A
EAST RAMOS FIELD
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **KERR-MCGEE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORPORATION** for the calling of public hearings, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Operc B, 3, 5 and 6 Zones, Reservoir A, all in the East Ramos Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from each of the following reservoirs: the Operc B Zone, Reservoir A, the Operc 3 Zone, Reservoir A, the Operc 5 Zone, Reservoir A, and the Operc 6 Zone, Reservoir A, all in the East Ramos Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. The proposed units designated OPERC B RA SUA, OPERC 3 RA SUA, OPERC 5 RA SUA and OPERC 6 RA SUA are shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To provide that any wells drilled to the aforementioned reservoirs should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify each of the zones and reservoirs by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Operc B Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Ramos Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 17,020 feet and 18,000 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Meridian Resources – Thibodeaux No. 1 Well, located in Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 13 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

The Operc 3 Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Ramos Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 18,000 feet and 18,890 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Meridian Resources – Thibodeaux No. 1 Well, located in Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 13 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

The Operc 5 Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Ramos Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 19,070 feet and 19,575 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Burlington Resources – State Lease 16049 No. 1 (Avoca No. 1) Well, located in Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 13 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

The Operc 6 Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Ramos Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 14,050 feet and 14,540 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Anadarko Production – Register “A” No. 1 Well, located in Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 15 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Mr. David Comeaux at Leon Comeaux & Associates, Post Office Box 53922, Lafayette, LA 70505, Telephone Number (337) 233-9839.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on Friday, July 19, 2002, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by Messrs. Richard W. Revels, Jr. and David Comeaux who explained the bases for the units being requested. Several questions were asked and answered. Mr. Anthony Carollo, representing L-M Limited Partnership, presented a counterplan, identical to the unit proposed by the applicant except for placement of the west line which was moved somewhat west in order to encompass a total of 640 acres, more or less. James Hardwick, on behalf of Mandalay Properties, then presented a proposed unit of approximately 800 acres,

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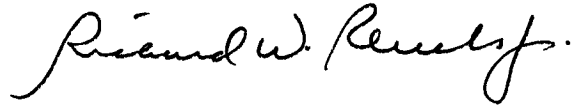
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differing from the applicant's plan on the placement of the east and south unit boundaries. Differences were not resolved at the conference which was then adjourned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the applicant's proposals, the conference attendance list and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$2,800.00, **made payable to the Office of Conservation** representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Lafayette District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

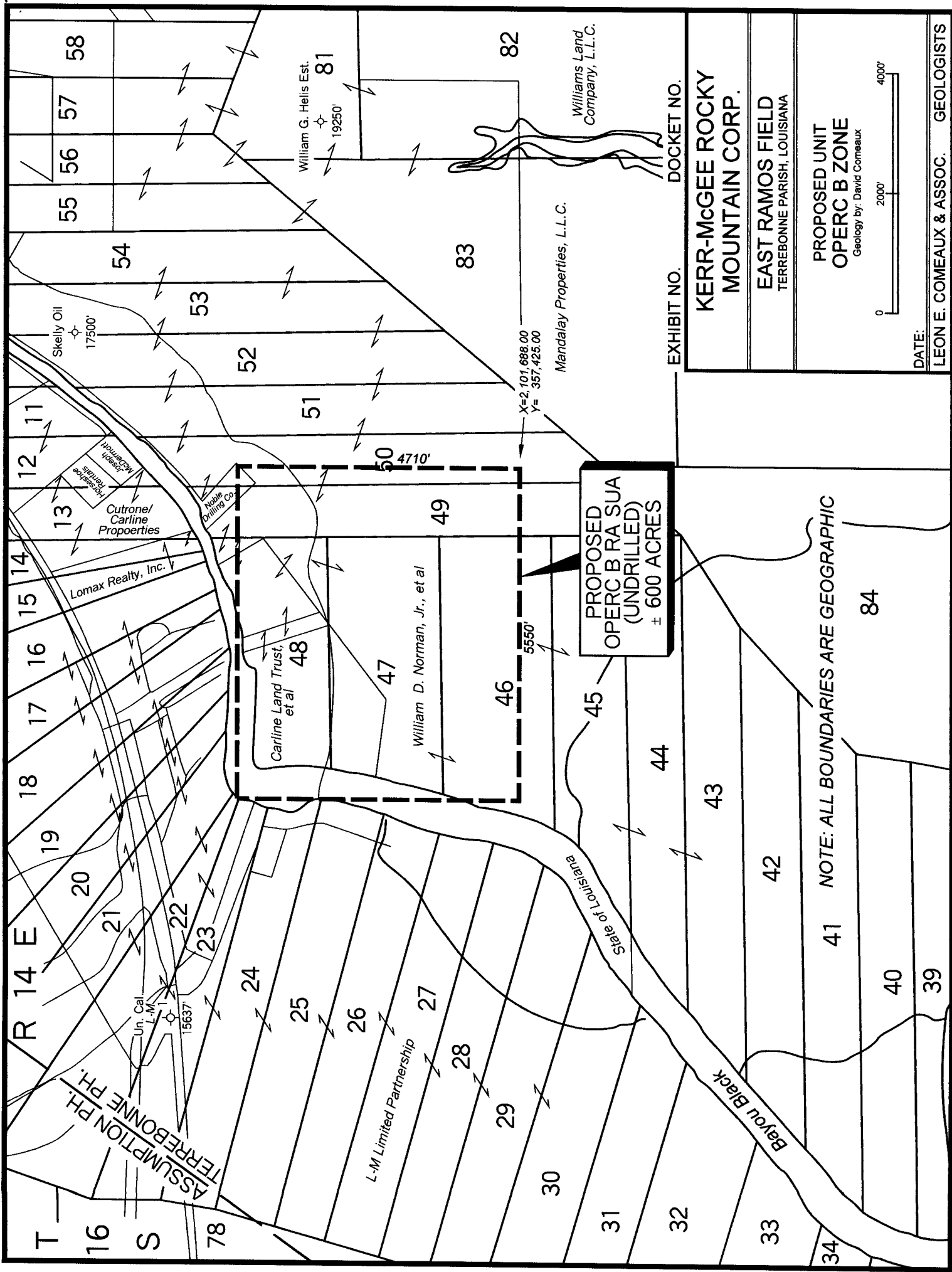
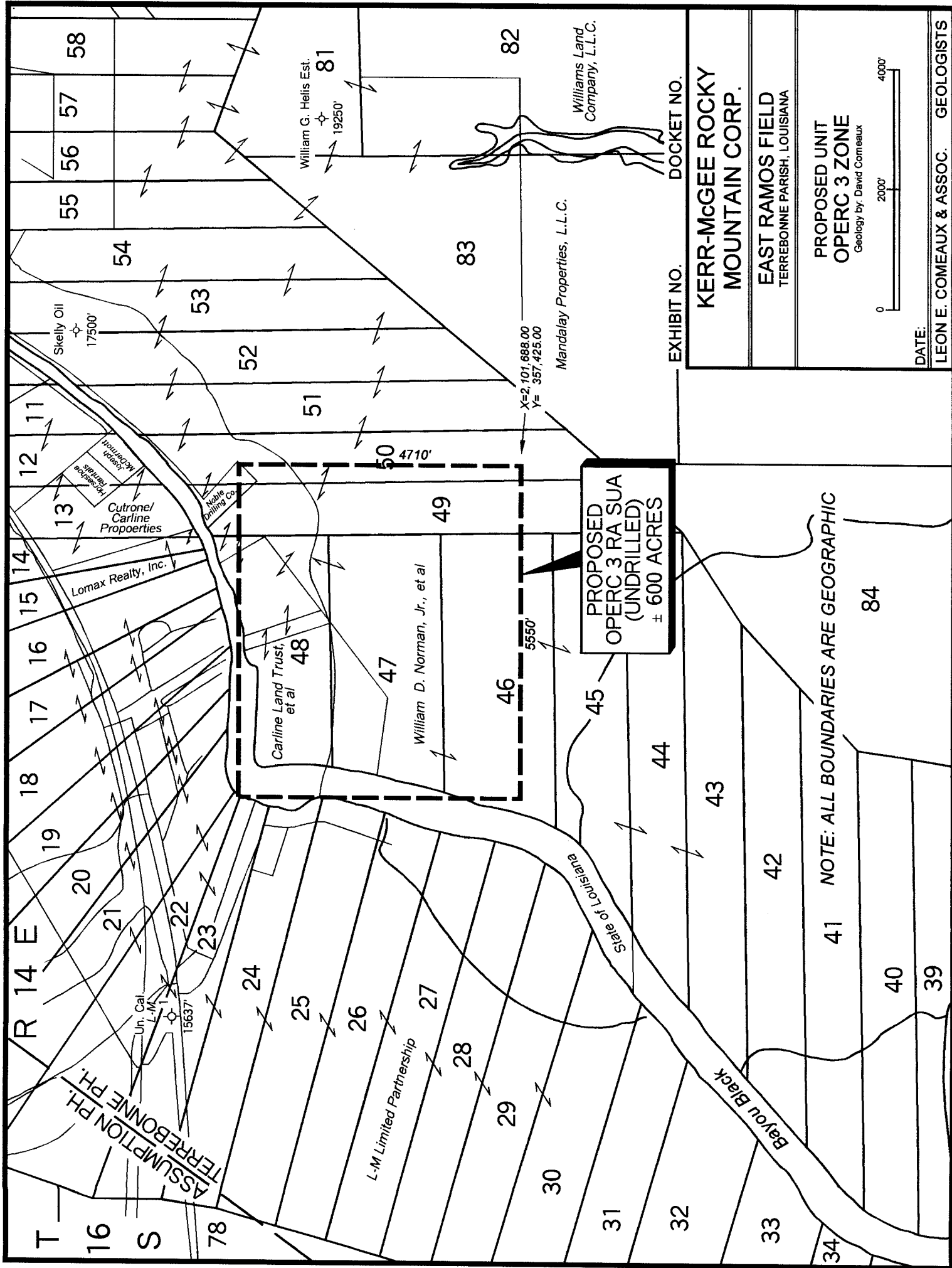
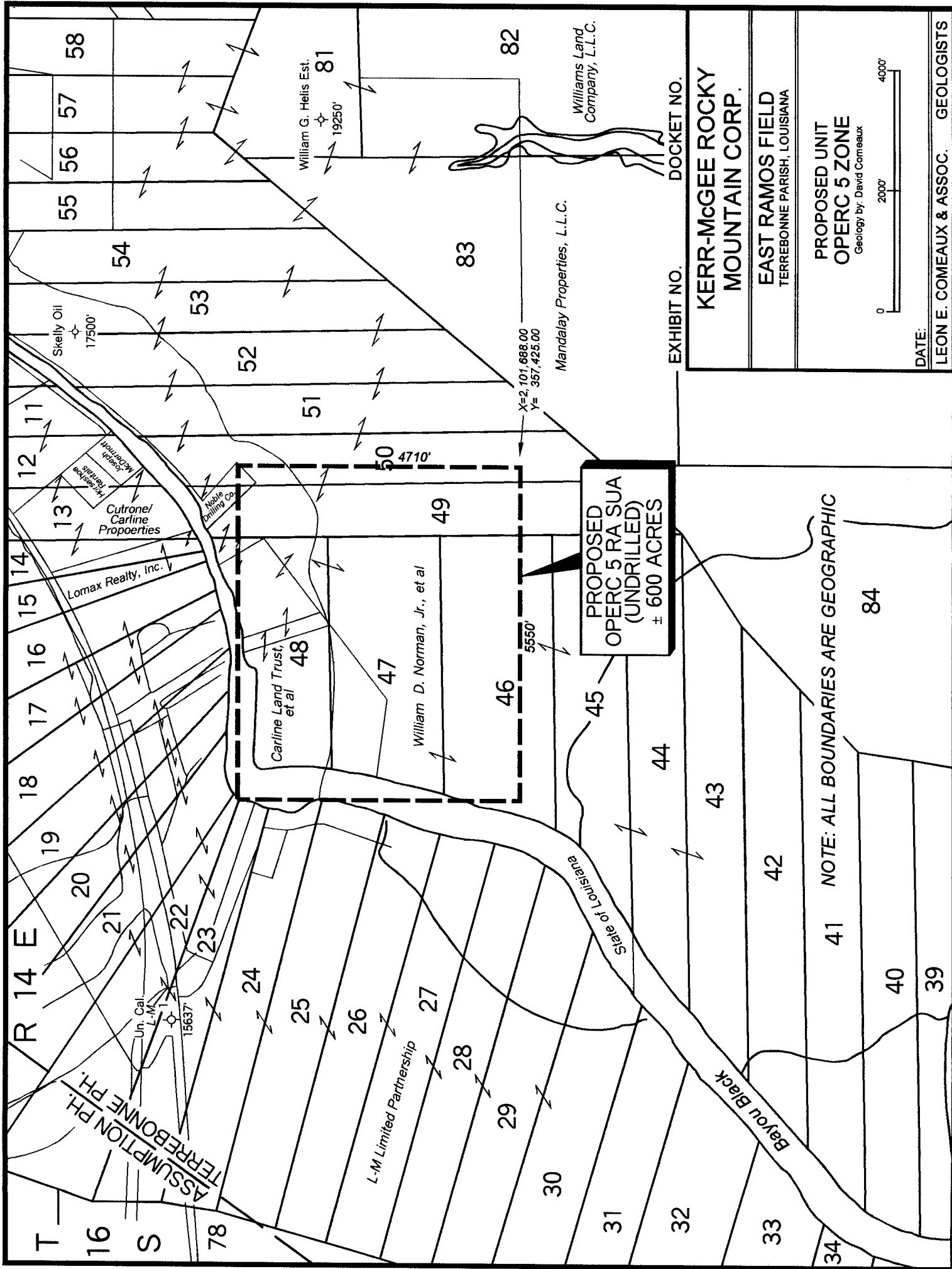


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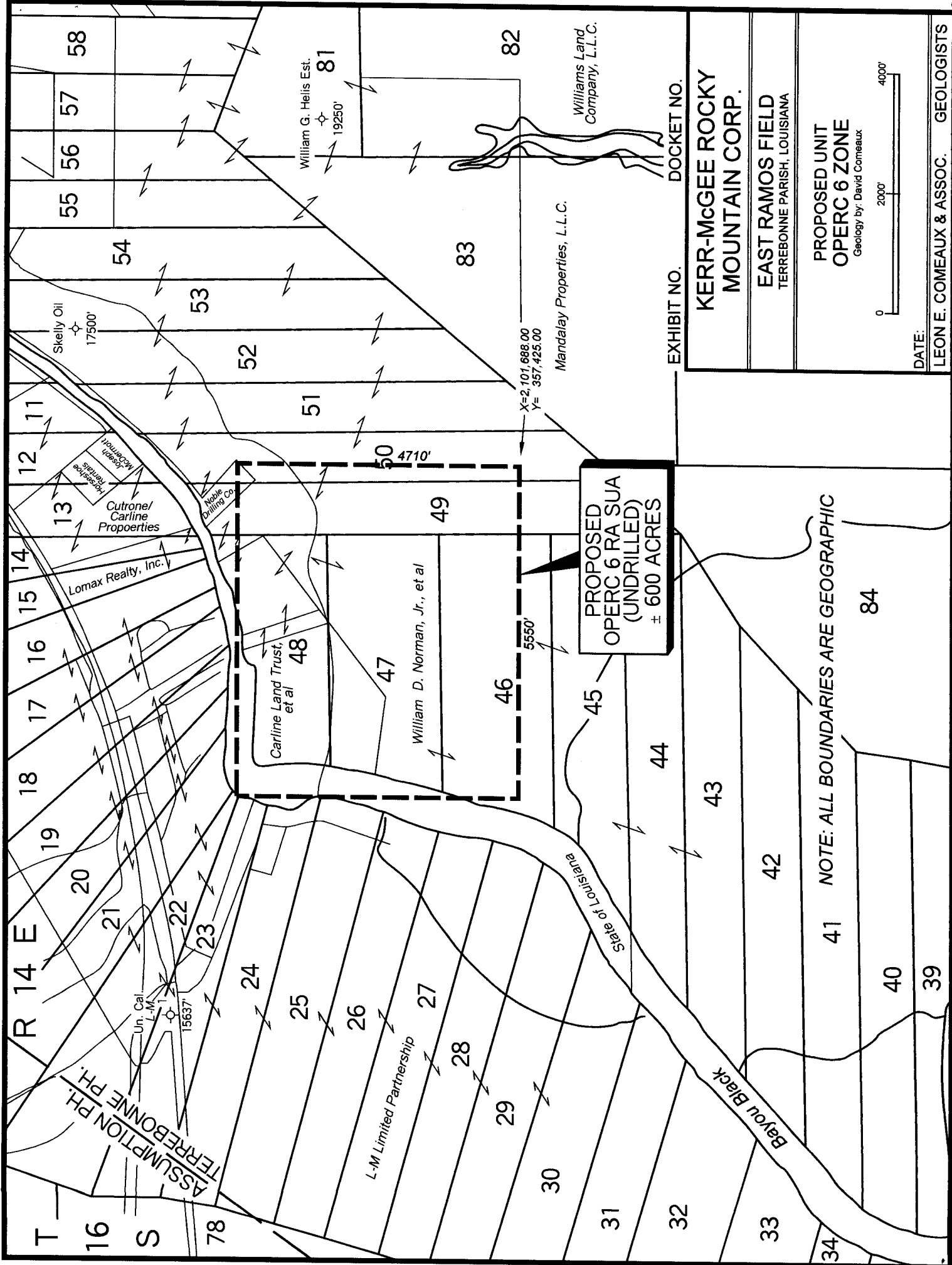
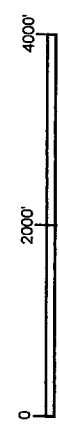


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MOUNTAIN CORP.**

EAST RAMOS FIELD
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

**PROPOSED UNIT
OPERC 6 ZONE**
Geology by: David Comeaux



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